

Citizens Committee on U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement



Mission:

1. Encourage citizens to be a part of the solution
2. Encourage City staff and citizens to conserve current resources
3. Work with the City Council to implement ideas
4. Effectively address the future impacts of climate change

Committee Members:

Citizens: Steve Bernheim, Carolyn Chapel, Wes Gallagher, Wayne Grotheer, Hank Landau, Ben Hines
Planning Board: Janice Freeman
City Staff: Mayor Gary Haakenson, Steve Fisher, Sally Lider, Noel Miller, Linda Carl

Meeting Agenda

September 13, 2007

1. ESD maintenance and operations	Superintendent Nick Brossoit and Director of Facilities & Operations Brian Harding
2. Downtown merchants GHG reduction program	Steve B., Hank, & Wes
3. Miscellaneous	All
4. Confirm next month's meeting date – Thursday, Oct. <u>11</u> (second Thursday of the month)	All

Meeting Notes

August 2, 2007

Present: Steve Bernheim, Carolyn Chapel, Wes Gallagher, Wayne Grotheer, Janice Freeman, Mayor Gary Haakenson, Sally Lider, Noel Miller, Steve Fisher, Linda Carl
Absent: Hank Landau, Ben Hines
Also attending: Rob Johnson (Transportation Choices Coalition), Rick Jenness (Citizens Technical Advisory Committee)

1. Transportation Choices Coalition

Transportation Choices Coalition is a 501(c)3 nonprofit, statewide organization headquartered in Seattle. Edmonds is an organizational member of TCC.

Rob and several other TCC representatives have previously met with City of Edmonds staff and audited specific aspects of the City's comprehensive plan (including bikeway, walkway, and streetscape plans) and several other documents in regards to transportation sustainability. Rob provided a handout that included a positive review of Edmonds' sustainability as well as a detailed audit of their findings.

In Washington, 60% of carbon is from vehicle emissions; however, once clean-air standards are implemented in 2009, we'll have the best standards in the world. TCC's website is www.transportationchoices.org.

Janice mentioned that the Planning Board is also looking at parking options in the BD1 zone for buildings with two stories.

2. City zoning and sustainability; grant opportunities

Rob Chave, planning manager for the City, was ill and not able to attend. This topic will be moved to next month's agenda.

3. Update on Council consideration of plug-in cars

Steve B. had proposed an ordinance last November to the City Council regarding purchasing plug-in vehicles and adding a plug-in station somewhere in the city. The Community Services/Development Services committee addressed the topic at their July meeting. Noel indicated that the CS/DS committee asked staff to come back with a proposal to add a plug-in station at the PW parking lot. The topic will be on the August CS/DS committee agenda.

Miscellaneous

Sally attended a marine and aquatic education conference where she heard a speaker discuss wave energy and windfarms. She also attended a conference in Salem regarding community-based curriculum on sustainability.

Steve F. indicated that the County collects CFL bulbs and tubes at transfer stations free of charge. Eventually retailers may be expected to take back and recycle spent bulbs. Also, Steve has collected most of the 2006 data and continues to work on additional data collection, including our base year of 1999. Amy (ICLEI) continues to work on obtaining community information.

Noel announced that all 23 traffic signals are retrofitted with LEDs. Soon all city lighting will be retrofitted. LEDs reduce energy consumption by 80%.

Wayne indicated that the new CEO of the Port of Seattle has announced that he wants the Port to be the cleanest, greenest, more energy-efficient port in the U.S.

Janice is a member of the Harbor Square redevelopment workgroup that is focusing on the waterfront area. The biggest concern is parking. The workgroup wants to make the redevelopment a model of sustainability and economic viability. They would like to see housing and retail in the same area so residents can walk to services.

Hank and Wes continue to work on partnering with local businesses.

Steve B. just installed solar panels on his garage.